

# Perfect Faith, 1980

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*Norman Grubb's sermon explores the profound relationship between faith, identity in Christ, and the expression of God's love through believers.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of total commitment to God. He shares his personal experience of committing himself to God three years ago and witnessing the power of God in his life. The speaker also mentions the movement called the Interfaces of Fellowship, which was started as a result of God breaking through in his life. He highlights the concept of being a son of God and how God can reexpress himself through believers. The speaker concludes by expressing the joy and fulfillment that comes from seeing Christ living his life in people and the importance of prayer in experiencing this reality.

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## Transcript

This is the quiet part of our time. I'm glad it also says, be still and know that I am God. I'll slip in on that one.

Well, I have very loving memories of my last wonderful time with you. I took him back with me on my tours in different places and I've spoken many times of the flow of blessing I sense out here this morning, this evening. Thank you for letting me be with you again.

Now each of us only share what in what ways God has become the real self he is to us, that's all. Because, if I understand it right, the whole universe is one person in action. One person in love saving action.

And the whole meaning of us is to be in that relationship by which he's fulfilling some of that saving action by us, by which he is himself again, by us. Now that meant for me, I have to stop back there and say it another way, that I had first to be brought into the condition in which I permanently locked myself I'm Jesus Christ in human form. Big thing to say.

We humans are God in human form, that's a big thing to say. See, I couldn't act as God unless I know it is God acting by me, could I? I have to know it's God acting by me if I'm acting as God. That's exactly what

we're to do.

When Jesus, in a famous incident, said to a fig tree in passing, have no more fruit on your gain, he liked fig trees like everybody else, but he had a lesson to teach by this one, so he winded it up. In Mark 11, when they came the next day, Peter said, look, please, wind up. But Jesus said, you do the same.

I'm to do the same as the Son of God did. He said, you operate the faith of God. The expression in my King James is, have the faith of God.

As God fulfills his believing manifestations, you fulfill. You act as God. Strong, isn't it? Then he went straight on and said, just as he said to the fig tree, he said, if you've got a mountain, you say to that mountain, don't ask God to, you say to the mountain, and don't doubt in your heart, you have what to say.

So he's saying to it, you act as God. Strong, isn't it? And he said, whatever you desire, pretty big, I think it's far too much, that's his show, not mine. Whatever you desire, when you pray as incidental, believe you receive it.

Pray as incidental, faith is fundamental. When you pray, believe you receive it. And the actual tense, the original tense, you received it on the spot, that's how our brother says, that's how we've lived for years.

I know that first of all, somewhat, through my friend Reece Howells, who's been my friend for 30 years. But I had to do it myself, because I hadn't seen anybody else, and God forces you into the economy when you go and do it by yourself. As we did it by ourselves, here's God, here's God, here's God, He's been coming ever since.

I refer, when I started that, to about 1931, before some of you were here. And it's precisely the same, because the whole meaning is, this living person re-expresses himself, through people, in people, as people. And they are expressions of deity.

I had something in there. You see, I had to find that out for myself, when I'd been through the first precious steps, of salvation through grace, they were precious enough. The revelation of God's Spirit, when I'd moved through those, and he who becomes a distant figure in a book, becomes the living person to me, of course, as he does when you're saved by grace.

And I made the early First Elementary Commitment. I never commit myself again. Poor me, he's got me.

I'm reading a little screen, I've got to get out. I've got a book called, Once Caught, No Escape. I wouldn't risk it, I'm committing myself.

What marvelous, he's committing himself to me. What I gave him, he took it, and took it good and hearty. And doesn't let go again.

I don't believe it in and out. I don't believe in being his today and not tomorrow. I know nothing like that.

I know a total permanency. God, poor me, he's grabbed me. Didn't I grab him, he grabbed me.

The secret of the faith is that the grabber's grabbed. But you've got to know it. You've got to know it.

So my commitment was made years ago. And then I began to... God's power came upon me, and I became a witness of the British Army. Became a witness of souls.

I lost the earthly promotion, but I got some heavenly promotion to it anyhow. And, uh... Tell you what my colleagues say, when God broke through, we started that movement called the Inter-Catholic Fellowship. It's spread through the world today.

And then I got this called the mission field. Well, think I should say anything about that? Why? What could be more wonderful than God saying, you go where you've never heard about me. You can't have it.

It's the highest thing on earth. When we were in the British Army, we used to say the highest thing would be in the front line for our country. I used to say, the best thing would be on the front line for Jesus.

That's where Jesus has never been preached. And that's where he sent me. And that's why I moved in for ten years, you know, in the Ituri forest, about a thousand miles of forest in the center of Africa.

With many precious people there. What we talk about as our black gold. We hope.

Well, that's it. Um... That's where I had to get these things into focus. Into focus.

I hadn't got it wholly in focus. I had the relationship, but not the replacement. I had the relationship.

I hadn't got the union, I'm not I but he. I hadn't got that. I got the relationship.

It's the fall that gave us the relationship. At least Jesus Christ came back to it. Because the fall parted us from God.

If there'd been no fall, there'd be no parting. We would just have been always precious of God. So you get that, don't you? That's what a son's for.

A son is to remarry if he's a father. The simple reason is, a universal person is universal. He only can move, he has no agencies of moving.

Otherwise he's universal. He has a sound form over which he can re-express himself. The simplest example is that.

Electricity's been here a long time. Long for you, long I knew about it. You don't know where it is.

What is it? I don't know. When he found a lamp, oh, here I am, I'm light. When he goes, oh, I'm a lamp, we saw a lamp.

Then he becomes a light. He has to be a lamp to have a light. Or then a wire, and a power or something do these funny things to people.

So, you see, a universal power can only operate if it has its means of manifestation, and the sun is the means by which the father has manifested. And a common-looking person on earth, Jesus, a common carpenter, who knew who he was, who knew who he was, except those who care. A few had ears to hear and eyes to see, just a few.

And a few wonderful things he did. And he would act as a total man. As I said to you, there was a very big egotist in Jesus Christ.

I am the way, I am the truth, I am the door, I am the life, I am the kingdom, I am, I am, I am, I am. Look inside him, and they said to him, how do you do this? Oh, I know nothing about myself. I know nothing.

I do what I see the father do. That's me. They put fathers up there, of course, somewhere.

And they said, how do you make these strong statements? Oh, I said, I know nothing about myself. And I hear, I speak, I know, I know. So this terrific person was a nothing person.

To be a something, you've got to be a nothing. That's the thing. You pass from wrong something to right something.

That's a person. And then at the end of his life, when he had to do with it outwardly, because he wasn't in with it yet, he said, I've not come to be out there, I've come to be in here. I've come to command you in the spirit.

They said, that's where he stopped at the last supper, going to leave him. And then they said, oh, show us the father. Thinking he's up there, he said, have I been so long? Haven't you ever seen me, Philip? Me.

This is a man. And then he said, he has seen me, has seen the father. So the son really expresses the father.

And then John said, as he is, so are we in this world. Therefore, if we're, we're expressions of deity. And I'm only a real person when I know I'm that person.

I'm not a real person until I hear about it, that's a start, or read about it, or believe about it. Believing has dissolved into knowing. The great letter on union in the Bible is 1 John.

In the last chapter, believing disappears and says, I know, I know, I know, I know. That's believing. Because believing dissolves, I know.

So you only are what you know you are. And then you operate as what you are. And here's the purpose of sons.

I didn't find that out because I didn't understand because the father separated me. So here was the father and here was the son and here was the Holy Spirit. He had come to me, so that's how much I knew.

And I found that to be the reason that God had used me in power. But still he was somewhat just a relationship. I wanted a replacement, a replacement.

I wanted him to replace me. Not be side by side with me. It's not good enough.

I didn't want Christ for me, or by me, or with me, or in me. I wanted him as me. Christ is me.

That's not what it is. That's what he was made for. That's what Jesus was.

Do you see me? Do you see the father? I look like the son. I'm the father. The whole deity is Christ by me.

And then John says, that's what you are. As he is, so are we in this world. I didn't know that.

It's too far on for an unsaved person to know. It's pretty good far on when you just get saved, aren't it? Because you've been so far away, it's just a step into a relationship. And I got that far in Africa.

He was my saviour. He was my Lord. I had the spirit and I was operating.

I was delighted. I was saying, delighted to bring my wife over to Jesus and live among the Africans. There was nothing except honour.

I hadn't got any focus somewhere. And I saw it in a scripture which said in Galatians 4.19 Paul said, to his Galatian congregants who had gone some way. They had gone some way.

They had the spirit, had the justification. Hadn't got there. He said, I travel the birth of Christ is formed in you.

Now that caught me. I said, I'm taking Christ to them. I had to learn the language and of course I'm living all those parts out.

But it didn't say I bring Christ to you. Christ is formed in you. And that's what they're using in birth demonstration.

He said, I travel in birth till Christ is formed in you. Oh, I said, that means in other senses one who starts like an embryo in you becomes a fully formed person. I said, my, if a fully formed Jesus Christ is in me there's not much room for me.

Ain't much room for two there. Oh, I saw something. If a fully formed Christ is in me where's me? I don't know.

That's exactly where I am when this happens. That's exactly it. I didn't know that, you see.

Because I've been I've been duped by the devil who was born and figured there's something in my self-development. The devil's Mr. Self-for-Self. He's Mr. Self-without-God run your own show and do your own best which is your worst.

That's the devil. The devil's often unpleasant person. He's highly respectable.

He's self-for-self. Those of you running about you've been one too. He's self-for-self.

Self-for-self. Out of that come all our sins that's where he is. Self-out of my own self.

He got us infected by that to the fore with our own selves. So as I was caught up by that I thought oh, I must be a better self. In Africa I thought well, yes to be what I should I must have some love I must have a new love relationship with my fellow Africans.

I must have more faith we're talking about that. I must have more power I must have more victory I must have more love for my fellow missionaries all the usual precious of the flesh and so on. And that's where God said to me you've got it all wrong.

That's where he said that tremendous word to me which unless it's reversed would mean truth God is love. See, I didn't know the whole universe is one person. I do now.

The whole universe is one person manifested. I didn't know that. Well, God is love.

God's the person, isn't he? So love isn't a thing it's He. But love's everywhere. Animals love each other animals love each other life's full of love beautiful misused love all rightly used therefore God's everywhere and everything.

If God is love every form of love is some form of God. Oh! He's an incredibly bigger person I understood. And straight away I got cut out of thought because I thought I'd had love.

You've never had love because I've got a lot. He's the most greedy person in the universe. I'm glad he is.

He doesn't give bits he gives the whole and that's himself. Not a bad gift. And at that time power I needed power I thought power was in different things and it came out of Jesus Christ.

I said Christ is the power. No. Power's a person Christ is the power Christ is the person He's rather manifested in some form.

So power's a person or power's everywhere power's everywhere so Christ's everywhere. Everything must be some form of Christ I hadn't seen that. One person's expected much due to form I didn't know that.

That's when you become at harmony. When when you when you when you are operating in relation to one and as as that one you're in harmony. Because we're made for one.

We're hungry for one. That's what we're hungry for. That's what we're talking about.

We're one that's the one. Because we come out and we're part of the one. The one, the one.

We come back to the one. When you're saved you've just begun to come home to one. Just begun.

And that's when that's when he said to me and what you are all yours in an old tin can that's all you are. Well that makes polite of him, doesn't it? He said you're just a vessel. Shouldn't you become loving or you become me powerful? You become anything.

You're a vessel. In other words you're only a tin can. You rattle too much.

Stop rattling. Give me a chance. I learned something.

I learned that a human is only a container and nothing else. A human has no nature. It's just the devil made us think we have nature.

We have no nature. We have the nature of the deity operating by us. That's all we are.

And I listed them all together. The Bible said we're a vessel. Definitely a container.

The Bible said we're a branch. A branch hasn't got a nature. It's expected to survive.

The Bible says we're a temple. The temple isn't the point. The point is there's a God in the temple.

The temple says just a man faced with God. The Bible says we're slaves. Slaves are owned by bosses.

They just do the stuff of the boss. And Paul said every human being is a slave to the face of which God has seen the righteousness. So I began to catch on.

And then I began to see the fruit the Garden of Eden. I began to see of course what's happened to Eden fruit goes beside you. So the symbol of the fruit of the Garden of Eden is what you take goes beside you.

Now the Bible distinctly says if Adam and Eve had taken the right fruit they'd have got eternal life. Eternal life isn't a fruit it's a person. So once you know that fruit symbolises the Lord Jesus Christ if you took the

right fruit you've got Jesus Christ.

It happens to all of us if we know it. It's happened to all of us unless you know it. And I didn't know it then namefully.

You won't operate. You only operate by what you know. However that's it.

But if you had taken the right fruit symbolises the Lord Jesus Christ so taking the wrong fruit symbolises Satan. I never knew that Satan lived in us before. I didn't know I was run by a false deity.

And that's why I was self-centred and not... it wasn't me because my humanity was beautiful. The devil only stole me he didn't make me. I'm beautifully made.

Satan messed me up on the roof and God's un-messed me that's all. I'm beautiful so are you. Don't you run yourself down don't run yourself up.

If you run yourself up you run the neighbour up too for a change. You love yourself you love your neighbour. If God thinks you think good you think good of yourself.

And then think good of your brothers too. I didn't know we're beautiful. I didn't know that humans contained somewhat like today the computer and the programmer.

You modern folks know more about that than I do. Computers do wonderful things only if they're programmed. They can't play chess unless they're programmed they can't play chess they're going to beat you.

They can't do these mathematical equations unless they're programmed to. What type of programming can they do? We are containers programmed and our program is a deity. Which deity? And we saw him as a false deity.

We had to so you've got to learn to sense. You've got to learn to sense by doing the wrong thing and dropping it and then changing the right. The way you learn the profession is you learn how not to do it before you learn how to do it.

You're not competent unless you say I don't use my tools that way I use them this way I don't cook that way or cook this way at least I hope you wouldn't do that for a husband's sake anyhow. And you don't practice medicine that way practice this way you've got to discard the wrong and stick to the right. That's the way it operates.

So we had to go the wrong way. So it's a man's act. We had to be self-centred selves but we are not ourselves.

We're expressing lists of self-centredness which is Satan self-loving self-gratifying self-seeking self. Express that way he hid that so he didn't even know it. You see he pretends that he's a self-sufficient self he's only a servant to God always laughs at the devil God laughs at him we fuck about the devil God laughs at him he's a salmon too when men rage with God it's because he says I sit in heaven and laugh have a good old laugh with those silly folk I just use them to manifest my son that's all God uses me to manifest good always so when you have a good laugh I've been laughing at communism for a long time I'm not fucked about communism it's shown us Jesus Christ there's a vast turn back today that Jesus Christ is not because of it we disillusion that other stuff we see the rottenness of it and the rottenness is

pushing us back to find some reality in living the heart so communism is a good agent of Jesus Christ we fuss I don't fuss as you suffer in communism the best people suffer from Jesus suffering isn't death suffering is the way you take it or the poor person in prison are you in prison in here when you're alive here you love your prison haven't you read Charles Coulson and born again he loved being in prison because he found prison could be where he could bring Jesus there's no prison outside the cell it doesn't bring a prisoner from it to trouble it's all your prison to yourself if you're if you're if instead of being a prisoner to yourself you're God's free person you're giving heaven in the prison you're giving heaven in the prison so it's outside even the only precious to bring us inside the woods that's all so see Satan had duped us Satan made us think we're people he was just Mr.

Independent and he fixed us Mr.

Important we were really only operating his expressing himself you get that humans never had a human nature still less some silly people teaching humans have two natures they have a nature humans express a deity nature humans exist to express a deity but you can express a wrong deity it's awkward so when the Bible says God said to me you're a vessel which vessel of wrath or vessel of mercy oh I found there are two vessels the vessel of wrath is the one Satan coming through with wrath the vessel of mercy is Jesus Christ coming through with mercy I found when Jesus said you're only a branch of a vine which vine I'm a true vine you're a false vine oh we've been fruit bears the false vine and they're a true vine I said when it says in the temple the Bible says you can be the temple of the

idol one can be the date or you can be the temple of the living God two can be the six which one which God's in the temple which boss are you a boss of sin are you a boss owned by sin owned by righteousness sin Satan righteousness Jesus Christ now you see it's only when I got understood I was a God possessed person with a wrong God and what I thought wasn't me wasn't at all and Jesus hit his nail Jesus is pretty good at hitting things on the nail he saw a thing or two and do you get that I saw that I was so surprised when I saw it in John 8 he was in controversy with the Pharisees who were opposing him you read he said I do the things I see with my father you do the things you see with your father say with you what do you mean we're not born of fornication God's our father if God was your

father you'd know me of course and the son he said Jesus said if God was your father you'd know the son then you read John 8 John 8.44 he said you that's us in our demonstration are of your father the devil the lust of your father you will do well I always thought I didn't know lust I was juked all those lusts and hates and fears of his weren't my fault they were Satan expressing his Satanhood by me I was just an agent I didn't know that human expresses a deity and the character of the deity the lust of your father he said you will do and when I saw that he said in 1 John about it says that we're loving one another and we in Christ love one another he said don't be like Cain that's a statement don't be like Cain who said that wicked one is still his brother I said why didn't John say of

that wicked one why didn't he say don't be like Cain is still his brother because he wasn't Cain is still his brother he's a murdering Satan inside Cain expresses murder through Cain through Cain he was an agent of murder Jesus always said Satan's a murderer from the beginning what's the point of this if you have discovered in the revelation if you want for merely an expression of the false deity you can know it is to be an expression of the true deity it's a swap over you find salvation only change of God but the whole part of salvation it makes it gives us thrills we don't need thrills we need to be lovers don't we like you were praying lives of lovers for the world God God loves to reproduce to perfect everything give himself to see the perfect which is not what it works out see

perfect people you're perfect when you've got a perfect Jesus Christ in you that's why you're perfect and we have a perfect Jesus Christ in you we know you are so exist have millions of perfected people because Jesus Christ relives himself in them and out of them will come one day a perfected world God exists that's the perfection of us now that's that's what it is to be a God person you live to the perfection of the people you're thrilled with all the people getting it that's what they're talking about today not it's one way we get the thrills but the thrills only come just a little ice cream the meat the meat is other people getting other people getting other people learning your prayer other people getting that's it that's what God shoved me into for years but you see how amazing it is

the gospel isn't getting a little bit of salvation it isn't getting a little bit of sanctification it's changing God's you had the God of self-loving self and you were pretty good pretty good specimen too I tell you that because I was too so I know you and now we're we're expression of the self-giving God self-loving God now that took me it took me a trauma to get through I don't get that through two traumas if you like two sufferings one was the suffering of a kind of sinner well that's had to be I mean you're saved because he came to the bottom didn't he of all sinners when he came to the bottom we seek God to be patient that's the precious blood now most of us know the precious blood very few of us know the crucified risen body I for long have had a problem why is the redemption of

Christ presented to us in two forms the cup and the bread the cup of blessing which is bread the blood the broken bread which is the body why the place why blood and body I thought because salvation has two purposes the total salvation is replacing deities taken by you salvation is getting you saved it's getting you to be a permanent natural person in the expression of Jesus Christ on the way I say you are the light of the world Bible says so when I tell you you ain't light I tell you you're darkness you don't know but you're this is the union you are the lamp and the light when I come in here I don't say tell her the lamp do I forget the lamp or the light you forget the lamp so we are we are light we are light we are really we are the lamp so united that's how we find the lamp the light

so you forget the lamp you forget the light that's us that's this life we are another deity expressed by us so the deity of darkness the deity of light which is the deity of love of course now that's the second part now thank God we hear the precious blood the precious blood is the kids stuff precious kids stuff is your utter sins adults stuff is the fellow who produced the sins when he saved me kids stuff is the products the sins adults stuff is the producer kids stuff is the effects the sins adults stuff is the cause Satan you are no good unless you got Satan out you are no good unless you got your sins away and you still got Satan in you you are only good if both sins and Satan are out and those righteous and the righteous person Jesus Christ is in and you know he is in and you operate

as a perfectly natural person I think you would see you operate as a kind of wink that's so funny when you get a profession so you live with an expert cook and you operate or doctors or teachers or nurses or engineers or construction people coming now what's the point it gets you doesn't it you don't do a job from outside oh I know how to do my construction stuff I know how to cook I know how to teach and know how it got you what's the point you don't keep saying I'm a teacher I'm a teacher you just teach you don't say I'm a cook I'm a cook you cook you don't look inside what you are you be it when you are Christ you forget Christ and that's yourself you forget Christ and that's yourself you be yourself with a wink that ain't me at all that's Jesus Christ coming to me that's this life

perfectly natural so religion is nothing but people because that's all there is in the world the universe is one beautiful marvellous person that we are worshipping marvellous all things are hidden in an endless

beautiful person and this beautiful person reproduces itself in beautiful persons that's a joke we're the joke we are part of a beautiful person that all there is all the rest is just circumference disappeared atoms and stuff disappeared we don't disappear we're immortal made like him that's all there is so you see you see we've come home when you're spontaneous yourself so religion isn't just being yourself that's what you call I don't like the word religion Christianity you see as I say if you're a cook you just cook when you're a Christian you just Christian it that's Christ

you forget Christ and be yourself that's Christ now that has to I say you live naturally by naturally you know you are really technically that's what's called know-how that's your profession live by what you know is your profession live by what you really know now we didn't even know that we were really expressing Satan but we were if you look back if you're born again you know you were if you look back and I said in heart you would say you were a product of self-sense that's all you were self-loving self that's all you were and so you can see who your father was and the workshops and that's the part that you were doing what we have to understand how therefore we've moved right over from being spontaneous expressions of the deity of self-hopeness being spontaneous expressions about Lord

Jesus Christ and God the Father and we are he living that's the body of Christ now I talked about the blood I said that's the beginning because at the beginning you can't see what goes on inside you you don't know anything about this inside you but you do know your sins through the law and the precious blood came and said yes I take no sins your sins take you to hell they damn you they curse, judge you that's Jesus Christ hung there you saw him hang there that's that precious blood that proved he died and the Bible says he went to hell don't get tossed about body don't be body minded don't get all tossed you're sick say yes well anyhow don't get well by saying I'm sick I'm well always in God's presence anyhow if you affirm you're in God's presence anyhow it seeps down here a good deal

that's all it's a good deal so don't commiserate people being sick tell them to praise God they're well don't go around praying for the sick pray that they may be praising God and they're not sick we're not body we're spirit our spirit is never sick and our body gets a little bit sick but the spirit always mind the spirit waves up him dead quick and you're lost in the body if you are in that spirit you're in that spirit when you're you know I may talk I'm perfect I'm coughing away no no no I'm fine you find the cough disappears that's what I find it doesn't always work so quickly as that it often does anyhow when it does it doesn't go perfect in itself so the death of Jesus wasn't the prison the death of Jesus was the spirit went to hell that's what death is it's who I am if this dies

what's that there's better one coming isn't there but it's not but what does matter who am I am I a spirit on route to prison Satan it's hell am I a spirit just maybe in prison on route to heaven and Jesus went to hell so Peter said thou would not leave quoting of Jesus thou would not leave my soul in hell thou would not let suffer thy holy one see corruption appeal the laws when he wrote he banged that door shut with a big bang it's a man boated in the sins he's boated in your spirit if you've got Jesus ain't that there's no hell there no sin there of course you know that don't you that's the outer thing but sins aren't the problem sin is the problem sin is the spirit of self-centeredness sin is the self-centered character which produces sin now that's not so clearly known that's the

body of Jesus why is that body so precious why did Paul say remember when that body hung there you hung there look at that blood he said that he talked about the body he took it in his heart he said look there he said when that body hung there you were there his word was if one died for all, all died why is it important you had that body there because your body is my spirit because there's one spirit which is you

and it's me our body is my spirit you know and through the fall in came this through the fall this false false father operating he's in there now it's an amazing statement I think it's the greatest statement on one form in the whole Bible it's the last verse 2nd Corinthians 5 where it says this God made his son to be sin not sins sins are the sins we did and he died for them and

went to hell and closed that door sin is that what the Jesus sins ooh sin is the is the person of Satan the personality of selflessness after which all our sins gone that sin God where is that person living in the body isn't he that holy body was in God's sight the body of the whole world expressing Satan he was mistreated expressed by the body that Jesus Christ God made him to be sin what's the point because if if a sin if a sin stays in a body when a body dies out goes that sin spirit so when that body dies out went that spirit for all of us that's where you change God that's why it's so important it says you were buried because there is a public accusation there's no spirit there we were buried that way that same body didn't change you see we don't change that's where we are we

change over we were operated by the spirit of the false deity he's called the spirit of error the spirit that works against me and Satan he operated us we produced his blood he is out in the death body of Christ and in the resurrection body of Christ he's the other body now we're operated by God himself his own spirit he's operated by us he's the body he's the other body now that's where you and I got another death maybe please God many of you have you had a death you had a death in a sense you fell into a long sin you died your righteousness didn't you get saved you were the death your righteousness when there's no more death no more righteousness oh thank you you're my righteousness now you have to have a death to a misunderstood to a a misunderstood self a misguided self see what I

mean is we've got the idea that we're something by ourselves and we can better ourselves somehow and do something ourselves that's what Satan is and while you're allowing yourself death in the self-improving spirit Satan got you Satan's spirit is self-improving self that's all he is now see we've been deluded that human is nothing it's a computer it's operated by the programmer it's marvelous practices and practices can only operate when it's operated by the programmer it's a deity not ourselves now see we've fallen to something about the computer we can't we can't we can't and that's you see where we're in the struggle and the new birth this is where the second death comes the struggle is you're born again now you want to do right now you love Jesus we've had this wonderful time now you

love Jesus you want to do as well you want to be like Jesus you fall on your face a lot don't you not death down here not the kind of falling on your face so you can't make it work there's jealousy there's lust there's hate there's fear and in my case my wanting more love and wanting this and wanting that and got it I was an inadequate self because you see I thought the self could improve the self never never improved I didn't understand that I had a lie to Satan I could get better I never got better that kept me in his hands when I got any better I'd kill the hands of Mr.

Self-righteous self-Satan and he hits me and I can't stop my self-resentment I can't fight him so the fighting hopeless battle and many Christians you may know better people are here leave their eyes open and say oh you've always been taught like a dog eating dog there's two battles in there there's no battle in this life I'm walking victory I'm walking fun and victory I'm walking battle Jesus Christ is fighting for me thank you I just enjoy his battle his victory his battle sucks it's way out I'm in a battle in the sense of moving in to bring Christ to other people I'm not talking about battle for somebody you know a battle is just this confused idea well I'm a new person what about this Satan getting his grab on me why when I try to do good this gets me here I am battling with my hates

and fears and loves and dolls what can I do with it and that's the second I call it like a death as it comes a death is mixed up self not just a self self precious death to the idea that your self was some sense of self-reliant self that Satan you have to you have to and what you've got to say is you're dead you are dead and your life is hidden from Christ in God that's the way you are dead now you've got to say you don't the whole point is that's where this Satan talks about Satan has to Satan has to see through appearances through reality as you go on all life is seen through appearances through reality that's what the Bible says our mission is seen through no money to plenty of money no people to plenty of people souls left open lost souls to saved souls we've done it for years we've

seen that here they are through, through, through, through Christ's message is through faith so they see through the disturbed appearance through reality now you didn't look at your sins if you're your faith person you didn't look at your sins you had to start that way you didn't get sick of looking down there you said no I look at Jesus and you transferred your sins to Jesus and of course you sinned it disappeared in the blood of Jesus it disappeared in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ so it's a it's a secondary when you've got to say your day but you don't feel it you say what about me I've got my temper I've got my lust I've got my worries I've got my dislikes I'm a person sometimes I say you better say what God says until you get what you want you better say what God says just say

it if you say what God said here if you say what God said then the Holy Spirit will come and say OK OK he won't say OK did you say it though now that's a big thing to say I did which means nothing to do with your self-response you did that go about your self-responses do I do this and do I do that why do I it takes and so on I met a man the other day he's at the meeting and I didn't think he seemed very responsive apparently he's a fellow play poet or some weird stuff I don't know what he had a good position anyhow he came up to me he said brother we've got a little club that reads the book In His Steps In His Steps some of you may know it's a novel it's following Jesus but not being Jesus you won't get to like I said I know we don't get to we got wrong we got to it doesn't work we make

resolutions we can't keep them it isn't following him no then he listened oh he said I'm Jesus he didn't look like a fat old fellow he said I'm Jesus yes you are ah that's it didn't follow him I'm Jesus otherwise he said I'm not just a fat old fellow he said I'm busy he said I'm busy with my finances all day good you're meant to be when you know who you are when you know Jesus Jesus money your finances go and do them don't try and do but then say In His Steps he saw it now he got money gave me his hand took his hand took about two of my hands and he took it and gave me a great hand see what I mean see when you say I say it years ago when I saw it I said it I'm dead I no longer have nothing more to do with with Satan and the world and that that's out I'm dead dead is dead that's one side

the other side is dead you say I'm alive now be careful yourself you see yourself never died what you died to was the wrong wrong wrong concept of yourself wrong idea of yourself as being self-reliant or you did either that stuff the cause you came to Satan you were self-reliant self-seeking self-enabling all that stuff that's what you did that stuff that self-serving stuff came to Satan that's what you did you as a person are precious so when you say you're dead then you say I'm alive but wait a minute the moment you say that you say what Paul did he didn't stop by Satan he said I'm alive no I'm not Christ is I believe nevertheless I live yet not I but Christ he immediately replaced himself by Christ that's the secret the old life was itself with Satan in it the new life itself with

Christ the beautiful self with Christ in it so you immediately say I live no I don't but Christ lives in me that's replacement he didn't say I live and Christ lives by the side of me he said I live and he says Christ lives in

me he said I live yet not I means Christ replaced him in it the real Paul is Christ the real you is Christ you're going to say it do you see that there is anything to say when you say it saying is the way in which you say it you're not taking caution by saying you believe it it's in the word of God you believe it I mean that of course when you say it and affirm it confess the amount of salvation the spirit comes back and echoes to you the spirit comes back and echoes to you yes you are yes you are not always at once that's not the point it comes the Bible principle

of faith in 1 John 5 says he is believing on the side of God has the witness in himself the witness in the believing you believe means I said it I said I'm dead I'm alive Christ lives in me I said so the witness is now that's when you come free such a wonderful thing happens you see you know it if you know it it's not I'm going to tell you before you know this you are afraid love Christians love Jesus you are ashamed of yourself you are afraid of yourself you have so much failure underneath you are condemned you feel what I say but there is so much in me that shouldn't be you have guilt and sort of what about the temptation and so on you are sort of inside trying to drag your feet because like Paul says oh wicked man I am you are the wicked man you are a happy man but you've got to be

wicked to become happy Paul Paul was no longer a corrupt man he was a saint you can be you can be a saint and a wicked one you've got to be because the only way to the only way to happen is through wickedness the wicked when you've got the wrong thing out you get the right thing in then Paul saw it oh he said good night he now my point is this I should say more when this is settled in you who you are you will rise up why it's healers here well if you show them this is a poor show it's still there so go on it if you show it it's beautiful every single thing I am expressing this beautiful light but you see it's only when you know you've got the light in the circle it isn't oh may I have it no no no never again it's a fiction you don't judge your salvation you don't go say tomorrow please

Lord I prayed yesterday I hope he doesn't please let me say tomorrow praise the Lord you're saying aren't you well praise the Lord you're not you of course you say it anyhow or when you see it not and you say amen to the Lord you say it and then then you begin to get the freedom you get yourself back isn't it strange you see you've got confidence back now because your confidence in the who the really you the really you ain't you at all it's in you see your confidence now I'm not I I'm he and me I laugh at I think you have this poor face when I look around I think you're funny I think God is quite the funny fella taking people like you and me well he does anyhow now you take yourself back oh I'm not this person now you feel but you begin to get confidence and don't be afraid of making your

choices don't doubt your motive doubting me means you think yourself that self dead you say that self is dead don't doubt my motive or my desire choose what you want have to say something choose what you want it says God works in you to will and do well then you will and do he's not afraid he's willing and doing of course so you're willing and doing of course you're willing and doing what he and that gives you good pleasure so you begin a whole new life of pure confidence with a laugh and when people like that they ask you often they say take me somebody else in me that's what Jesus said well he laughed he said and me I don't know a thing there's my father in me he kept that private slave laugh I think he said so because if you slave too openly you get bangs anyhow you get a few more if

you slave too openly that's it now you can live like that and temptation becomes temptation becomes opportunity you see when I hadn't got Christ in me I thought my temptation made me dirty somewhere that I had a lust I shouldn't have I had a hate I was hurt no no no your precious temptation is something outside draws you A man tends to be drawn away by desire we all got desires all kinds beautiful desires now we're

drawn in the wrong direction we're drawn to hate we're drawn to lust we're drawn to fear we're drawn to courage God that God comes outside and when you understand you don't kick around the temptation and say don't fight it say well perhaps I just don't like that person don't say indeed don't say I don't like that person you say that's not really me that's just my outer self

that's my flesh my real self is Christ in me and he is love and you say alright Lord with your love I'm loving a person I can't stand I don't know how you can stand them either and then you laugh and you see you are the love because what you've got to know when you know you haven't got to find him he's found you when he's in you you're you so when the fear comes into fear temptation means we're beautiful humans we're meant to be in a world which lives for self we're like the child in a world in a dark place so that self gets at you of course you can be afraid about this or proud about that or hurt about that or have a desire about that that pulls you and what it does it makes you forget that there's no Christ in you for instance Christ isn't afraid is he? but you are you forget your

Christ and you say oh I'm afraid of that now don't don't condemn yourself don't say you don't fear say of course I'm human I fear accept it when you accept it it proves deceit he can't bite you because you accept it and then when you accept your fear you say where's the man in Christ that's not me that's just the fact you might say show my courage with your courage I'll do it and you're very and your fear has given Christ the opportunity to prove his courage so pray for more temptations give Christ the opportunity to get through you the more you hate the more his love comes through the more you worry the more his fear comes through the more your weakness the more his faith comes through so you work with your temptations don't run away from them you have a new pursuit of temptation a part

of the way in which God re-manifests himself through our weaknesses which are not temptations are not sins how do I know Jesus was tempted to be replaced and Jesus didn't sin so temptations are a negative pool which gives you the chance of positive replacement by Christ that's all so you see a part of the assets of Christ are not liabilities do not take condemnation do not take it don't apologise for the temptation have a laugh say I've got two minutes of time I mean you won't do it on me here but I have to travel a good deal and my journey is by air and my hosts are very kind to me they're so kind to leave me about ten minutes to get to the airport when I need half an hour so I get tension God isn't tense I am as I sit in the car I've got ten minutes of tension I say you silly fellow

isn't God managing that plane you silly fellow why don't you leave it to me I don't sin I have a laugh I say sorry ten minutes I think God enjoys it I say you enjoy it too one thing it would have been silly if I said I won't do it to somebody ten minutes give you a chance to pause Christ's relief live up and up not down and down seeing you occasionally if you really do it seeing you means this it doesn't often mean you do it when you do it don't stay there get up and say praise God let's give me a chance to see the precious blood get up and one thing the sin is not there the precious blood is there and don't you then say oh I'm the kind of person to do that again in what I do you tell God I'll do it again ten minutes let you keep me you get on keeping me now put the heat back on him now

that's where you move on I haven't got time of course now but that's where you move on to the faith we talk about today see when you've begun to prove to yourself that faith means the replacement in you that your sins will be replaced by Christ's righteousness and your inner self inside your inner self the wrong deity your self always alright it was just misused you were cheated thinking you had the self-reliance that was a deceit it was really Satan producing himself through you when you say that self of mine which had Satan and the God of self-reliance now has Christ in me then you prove you find he comes you prove you

find faith is substance faith is substance then you move that into another situation there was a big effect for me when I found darkness is the agent of the light God

leaves darkness and we may shine light to it you couldn't get a door without good darkness thank God for your darkneses we sit around shaking our heads about darkneses this world is full of it and when I can catch it that God meant this world and its freedom to have its effects God isn't the source of darkness he might have misused freedom but he means this world to have its effects so we have our difficulties home difficulties financial problems all kinds of people we yearn over all kinds of things always hitting us aren't they problems without going to the media I'll tell you a few more now when I get the habit I'm a human I never like it I always start negative see we talk about unbelief unbelief is negative believing it's believing the wrong way round I'm I'm believing it's evil

what you believe holds you and you contribute to it why I believe it's evil it holds you and you always contribute to it now I always talk that way and people wait a minute oh I don't like that wait a minute God I don't like it wait a minute you made everything green it came out of the fall but you made everything everything is happy you made it everything is God perfectly made it you made this why because you put that here because you're going to produce a new revelation of your glory in that situation and you're going to do it by me and that's how it goes on but the marvel of God when he made me his agency more than agency he made me his expression he handed me a bank check he says now I'll pay it to you you'll see exactly what you want I've been doing it for years I've been doing it

for years and you see so it changed your whole prayer life as I'm kind of going to get you the details instead of praying about nothing I'll weigh it up so this is what we found you were talking about when I had clicked on our mission 30 years ago it was very weak so weak we had 35 missions left it was the year we get depression 35 missions because we had \$5,000 for 35 missions the whole year then it was very hard to divide it all we were exhausted we were finished but I had to admire it at least I was prayer isn't what I want happening it's what God's after the whole year which is God's infinite love pressure to good and evil he's pressing himself through to every step of the way it's God in action and it isn't God asleep and we awake it's God awake and filling us out of our sleep how?

he fills us up like he's confronting us with disturbed conditions when we saw that we sat down I won't give details now we saw our mission was to go anywhere in the world with the gospel with a tiny group what were we to do? well we said we know what God said to us we can go anywhere in the world we'd better go and do it how do you do it? by faith and that's how we first learned about faith and how we learned about putting the amount in the cheque because we were very weak and we said what does faith mean? it's always talk theory what does faith mean? we followed up the story of Joshua because Moses had been like our father and died we were like Joshua following him and we saw in that first chapter of the book of Joshua it says that God had an interview with him and said now you cross the

Jordan Joshua you take over the land and I'm with you and you meditate and you give me word and so on that's theory like a practice we found that first line there's a paragraph mark which means the interview between God and Joshua says this Joshua called together the oxen of his army big army in those days said prepare your food for in three days you'll cross this Jordan and we said on what authority did Joshua say three days?

God hadn't said so we saw it we saw God gives us a blank cheque we put the amount in it I must be I see you're going so I must be stopping but you're learning a great thing you can get this we've been doing it

ever since you put the amount that suits you Joshua put in three days and cross the Jordan we've been putting lots of things in we've been mounting as you heard from 375 to 910 next year 15 next year 21 next year 50 next year 75 money houses we don't care about that we start people with Christ we're here to see Jesus Christ as our son used to say in Africa we're out there to see Jesus Christ running about inside black bodies he surely is and white ones too and we're seeing it today praise God we're seeing it precious people Indians precious Indonesians precious Chinese precious

Africans and Europeans Germans even French and they're tougher Jesus Christ walking around precious Indians and English and they're tougher still now that's what we live for see Christ reliving his life in people that's what all the rest is periphery but we get the periphery as we need it we get through for the money as we need and see God moving in so that's it so I always say to you life is real fun when you see this pray at one time you should rather abhor the boredom or the burden it's not that boredom or burden it's fun to me now why? because prayer is tragedy to me prayer is I sit back maybe in a bed wherever I am I think what about that person? well the fact is that person is a saint and I'm talking about somebody who confronts me I'm talking about anybody somebody who confronts me

I say well then God you put it there I know what you're after and here we're saying God you've got that fellow saying he's finished and I say so therefore I don't speak to him I speak the word of faith the word of faith is saying what you see God doing on earth you speak the word of faith and do it I'll take the book I'll take it I'll take his faith I'll take it my hands will take it in this case my hands will take it in the Holy Spirit I'm up I'm pressing it on the left of the Holy Spirit and I'm saying and now God you are now you're producing that money you're producing those workers those new fields you're producing the soul of Holy Christ you're producing we say so we've done it a dozen fifty years we've been saying it again and again and here here God comes through comes through now

I tell you eventually your whole life will change you'll continue eventually you'll be seeing things and people which are your personal and you say I don't like that no you're not meant to like it it's meant to wake you up not meant to like it I don't like that now God you meant that because you're a person who reverses likes dislikes and put them into life you reverse by me you say I'm not going to pray stop praying longer it's a waste of time for me I prefer to believe it's much better I used to pray long and sleep less now I believe quickness leads more well the bible says pray doesn't even say pray it says say as the mountain then you go for a prayer that's what I do don't you hear what I mean I settle up for myself for myself as a free person what I like to have in a situation I

weigh it up I don't do it foolishly sometimes it may take a little time if it's with other people it's all about together we do it as a team and that takes longer of course so when that moment comes it may be quick we say God I settle that matter that cash is there I'm going to see it come I do that many times because we don't ever appeal for funds it comes from God that cash is there it comes dozens and dozens and dozens of times it does we had to do some big building extensions now I love the headquarters for a certain reason and the firm of course it was a non-christian firm which was doing its thing and they said have you got the money no they said well we have a good heavenly father serfs don't believe in heavenly fathers they went back to the board of directors they turned back and

said we'll trust the same father as you fortunately for us we've been paid off of course we have you see I'm talking I'm talking practice with your life put it down into your life and dare to say that word of faith about that particular need you have on your heart about a personal thing and you say put it in but don't you repeat it the prayer means it's been done because there's no future there's no present it's done and now

you add to your word of faith a kind of inner sense it's done it's done so add to your word of faith it's done and that will settle into you and you begin to say that's the agency of faith human faith the Holy Spirit comes through precisely the same as creation creation perfect faith creation with the sun operating how does the sun operate he didn't ask he observed

what the father needed all his preparation was let there be not get there be what's our prayer it's getting no letting letting do you understand God is like air pressing through all we want is to get the blinds up and he would have asked the air to come in get through the window anyhow it's an open window we're pressing through don't get it through and what's the problem is our blindness which is seeing the negative instead of the positive now at the creation let there be meant that the sun knew the kind of ways which the father wanted to press through in meditation the creation let there be didn't say yet that's all that's what you say you say let there be let there be that's a fact thank you let there be that's a fact that thing has happened say it that's all and you go around repeating

this kind of thing and once you digest don't go back you can go back and remind yourself you said it but don't ask for it again and never say didn't it happen because you're saying it did happen but don't give yourself all God's a lie if it's happened it isn't a question of you how it's happened it's happened if it hasn't happened it still happened so just give in and you'll find God comes to that for three times well I must be stopping but that's the way we operate and we operate as a mission in doing as an opening field for the individuals and so on but I always have to start at the beginning because it really is the first practice is that you won't get to until you've seen what I've said what God says and you say I am dead when you don't feel this kind of being dead and I am alive no

I'm not alive Christ is in me he's the real me and he said so because of the relationship and as you said so that can come in it's own way in the spirit as confirmed see many of us have baptism at the beginning that's the first indication of power power has got to come first you've got to enlarge your power if you have baptism in the spirit that's the power but the person you can't run a life by power by original person doing all kinds of original things as you so you move on from baptism of power to recognition that power is this person he's the original person in me and he's operating now I'm a free person as I'm a free person he's operating by me and so on when you've got that faith you can transfer that faith to other things because you've proved it to yourself you've now proved it in

other situations and you begin to be an operator by faith so I'd better stop at that I think thank you

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